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Confirmation No.: 4309)
Examiner: Wiehe, N.)

Filed: 03/10/2004

Title: Bifurcated Outlet Guide Vanes

Provisional Election

Mail Stop Non-Fee Amendment
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Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement dated as mailed on 06/30/05, and having a period of response extending through and including 07/30/05, Applicant provisionally elects Species II, as illustrated in Figure 4, along with related figures 1 and 2.

Applicant also provisionally elects claims 1-6, 9, 11-20, 25-27, and 30 which are presently readable on Species II.

Applicant traverses the restriction requirement under

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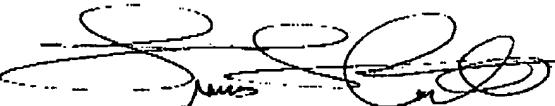
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MPEP 806.04 since the examiner has failed to show that the four species are independent inventions. The examiner recognizes the many generic claims from which all four species depend, and all four species are related inventions for the recited forms of the bifurcated outlet guide vanes for a gas turbine engine.

Nevertheless, Applicant is entitled to the four species in accordance with Rule 141.

Respectfully submitted,



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